

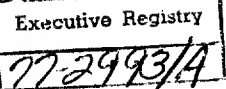
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At the present, we do not have any information on the current South African Government policy regarding the visitation by foreign officials to the Kalahari site. However, if the Defense Attache's request is accepted by the South Africans, it will give the United States intelligence community an opportunity to verify certain questions that have been raised concerning the purpose of the Kalahari site.

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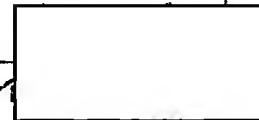
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